The Cleveland Museum of Art

Picasso and the Mysteries of Life: La Vie

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Exhibition offers unique chance to see one of Picasso's masterworks in an intimate setting

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CLEVELAND (December 13, 2012) – The Cleveland Museum of Art presents *Picasso and the Mysteries of Life: La Vie,* the inaugural exhibition in the museum's new Focus Gallery. *Picasso and the Mysteries of Life* is the first exhibition to offer an intensive exploration of *La Vie,* a signature work in the museum's collection that is considered Picasso's culminating masterwork of the Blue Period. The exhibition includes related works on loan from the Museu Picasso in Barcelona, the most important repository of the artist's early work, as well as works by Francisco Goya, Albrecht Dürer and Auguste Rodin drawn from the museum's world renowned collections. New sights are provided into the meanings of this complex, enigmatic masterpiece and its pivotal role in the artistic development of the young Spanish artist. The exhibition will be on view at the Cleveland Museum of Art through April 21, 2013.

Visitors to the exhibition will also have an opportunity to investigate the painting in-depth through x-radiographs, infrared reflectographs and other scientific examination methods displayed on iPads, revealing how Picasso dramatically altered the composition.

The exhibition is accompanied by a 163-page book by William H. Robinson, curator of modern European art. Published by the Cleveland Museum of Art in association with D Giles Limited, London, the book uses *La Vie* as a catalyst to shed light on a Picasso's creative process, as well as vital issues in modernist culture of the 19th and 20th centuries.

The exhibition is organized by the Cleveland Museum of Art with the collaboration of the Museu Picasso, Barcelona.

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About the Cleveland Museum of Art

The Cleveland Museum of Art is renowned for the quality and breadth of its collection, which includes more than 63,000 artworks and spans 6,000 years of achievement in the arts. The museum is a significant international forum for exhibitions, scholarship and performing arts and is a leader in digital innovations. One of the top comprehensive art museums in the nation, recognized for its award-winning Open Access program and free of charge to all, the Cleveland Museum of Art is located in the University Circle neighborhood.

The museum is supported in part by residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture and made possible in part by the Ohio Arts Council (OAC), which receives support from the State of Ohio and the National Endowment for the Arts. The OAC is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally and economically. For more information about the museum and its holdings, programs and events, call 888-CMA-0033 or visit cma.org [1].

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